

REMARKS

The Office Action

The drawings filed January 9, 2002 were accepted by the Examiner.

Claims 1-11, 13-17, 19-24, 26-27 and 33-40 were presented for examination.

Claims 1-11, 19-24, 26-27 and 33-36 were allowed by the Examiner.

Claims 13, 13-17 and 37-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Applicants have canceled claims 13-17 and 37-40 herein in addition to previously canceled claims 12, 18, 25 and 28-32.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-11, 19-24, 26-27, and 33-36. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-allowed claims 13-17 and 37-40 in a subsequent application.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-11, 19-24, 26-27, and 33-36) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

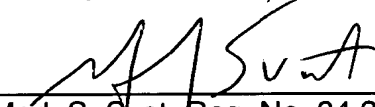
No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment D. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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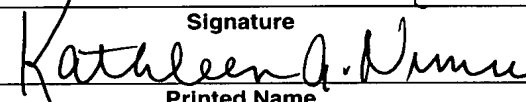
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